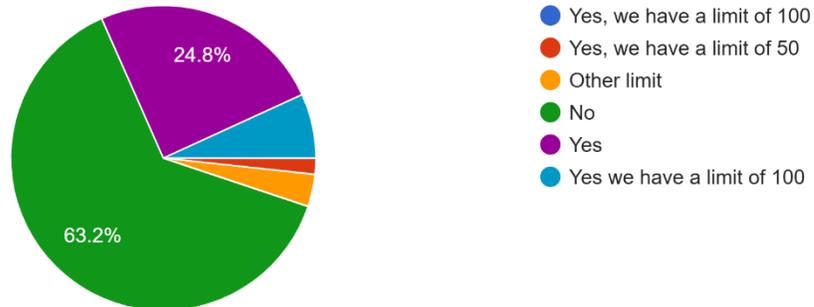


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117 responses



Question 2: If your answer to question one was "yes," how do you limit your membership numbers? Check all that apply.

All current members are welcome to bring interested friends to meetings

Numbers are restricted due to size of meeting place(s)

Restrict according to GCG Awards categories for big, medium and small clubs

Member must achieve certain special designation (for example, Judges Study Clubs)

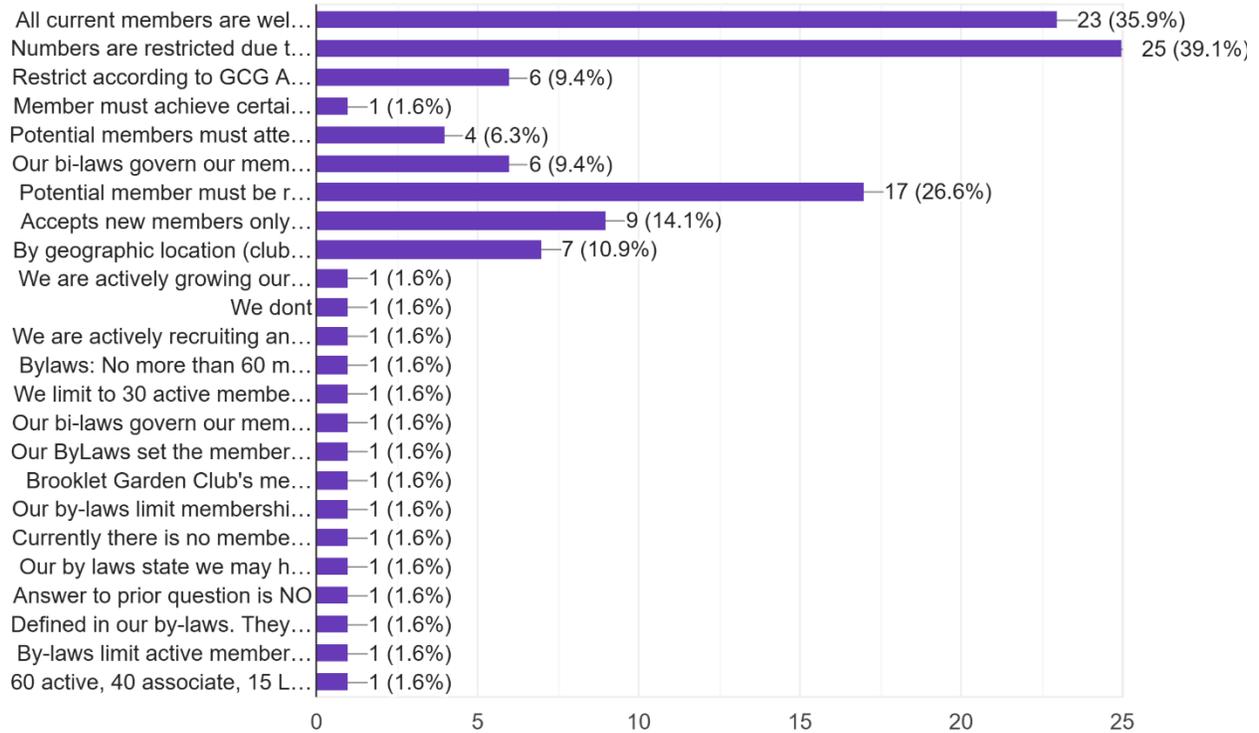
Potential members must attend 2 meetings and express an interest in joining and an interest in gardening

Our by-laws govern our membership number. We have amended it upwards two times due to increased demand

Other

If your answer to question one was "yes," how do you limit your membership numbers? Check all that apply.

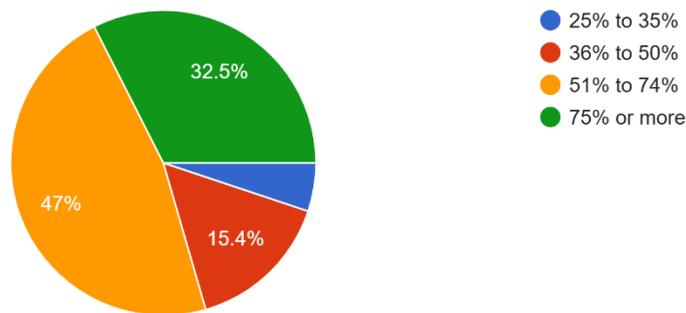
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Question 3: What percentage of your members currently attend your regular meetings:

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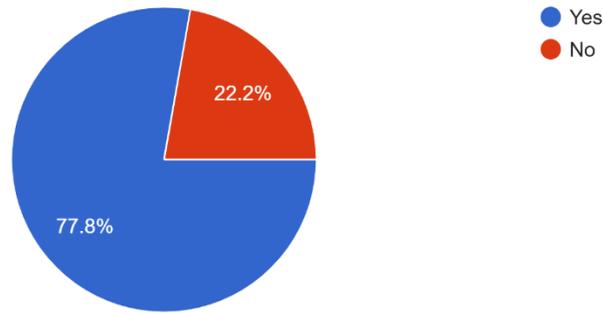
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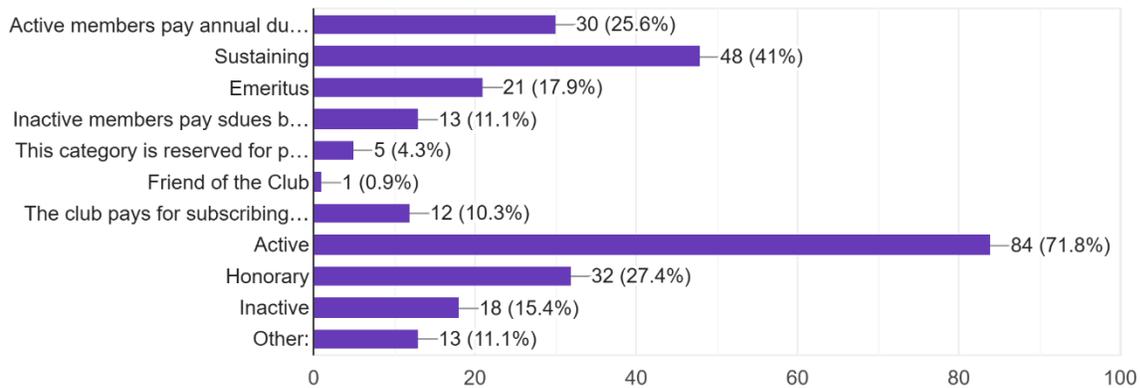
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Question 5: What categories of membership do you have? Check all that apply.

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117 responses



Active members pay annual dues, must serve on at least one committee and participate as a refreshment hostess once per year

Sustaining

Emeritus

Inactive members pay dues but may suspend their participation for up to one year for reasons of hardship or health

This category is reserved for people who have served the club in the past.

Friend of the Club

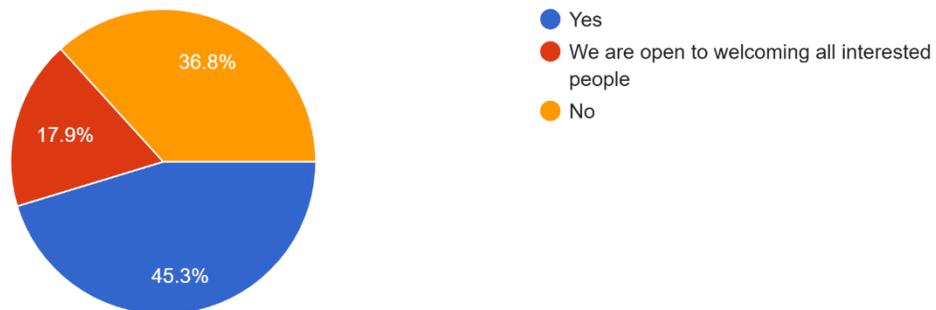
The club pays for subscribing membership for people who support us but may not be free to attend meetings or participate in activities due to life responsibilities

Other

Question 6: Do you use these categories to manage your membership?

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117 responses



Ways you promote to gain membership:

Current club activities

Give them a reason to want to come. You must have interesting and informative programs.

We hold monthly programs at the Welcome Center. The community is always welcome. We have garden therapy at the local assisted living Center every Friday to assist residents in arranging flowers for their dining tables. We created and maintain a community butterfly garden at the Welcome Center as well as maintain several flower beds at the County park, and fire station. We create a yearly community fall or Christmas display at the fire station, library, and city cemetery. We place Christmas poinsettias throughout the community. We have a yearly plant sale at the city festival. This year, we joined with a local church and filled Christmas shoe boxes. Last year we collected relief supplies for Hurricane Helene victims.

Our meal cost is \$39 at the Country Club. If we could reimburse members who bring a guest and pay for their meal, we would get more visitors and more members. I have 2 or 3 people interested, but I can't afford to pay each month to bring

someone. Is there any district money available for potential membership sponsoring? Also, when we get a referral of an interested person from our District, it's hard for our club to waive the lunch fee for the guest.

We typically get new members as guest of current members. Our membership is limited to 40 and we range between 34 and 38 most of the time. If a member moves out of the area, we offer them the option to become a sustaining member, which allows them to still get our communications and to attend a meeting if they come into the area

We are a small club but very knowledgeable! We have 2 flower show judges , 3 master gardeners and 2 landscape designers. We are one of the oldest clubs in Dogwood district. We still have several members from our original membership when Indian Creek hosted flower shows, won awards for horticulture and design. My Mother, Mary Beth Kelly was flower arranger of GA 4 times and she and many members won tricolor awards for design and horticulture. Marion Gwinner was a flower design teacher especially Ikebana. We now have Sally Holcomb who has served on the GCof GA board many years and also teaches flower design. We go to ast living facilities and host a lunch for them and then give programs on house plant care and flower design. We designed and maintain a pollinator garden at Peachtree Rd Methodist Church We tour local gardens to further our knowledge of gardens and landscaping and actively teach our neighbors about improving their own gardens. We have many guest speakers such as DeBorrah Tibbs we toured her fabulous garden in May)who will speak on tough plants for tough times next week at our January meeting and our March meeting will feature, President of the South Carolina blue bird society (he spoke at our 2025 Garden Club convention in Augusta) who will speak on attracting and keeping blue birds in ur yard and will bring his blue bird houses for sale. We also had the honey man to speak from the GCofGA convention at Stone Mt. we have great speakers. We also have speakers like Cole Palmer who taught us how to make a clay pot man for our garden. We give donations to several local charities. Our annual fundraiser is a holiday auction in November. We win the standard of excellence every year and we won the best fundraiser award last year! Also 80% of our members have certified backyard pollinator gardens for the state certification!

We just combined with another club with low membership.

We are continuously doing city landscapes and decorating the city for holidays. The Club participates in the decorating downtown for Independence Day celebration, Christmas in Comer Celebrations, and our annual Pioneer Festival. We also branched out into the county to do a landscapes project for the Madison County Senior Center.

We routinely ask if members that have served 10 years or more would like to move to sustainer status in order to be able to recruit new members.

The better your programs, the more women and men will come. Also you must run a tight time schedule, starting on time, controlling the speaker if they go over their time limit, as well as the discussion. This is the responsibility of the President. Plus make the meeting fun.

Our club is a member based community that supports and believes in the mission and objectives of National and State Garden Clubs. While we enjoy gardening in all forms, we are primarily a social and educational organization. We bring members together through gardening/horticulture educational programs and speakers, in addition to, supporting our community by providing financial and volunteer support for community beautification projects (tree canopy restoration/tree planting, pollinator gardens, wildlife projects) and assisting community services that benefit the disadvantaged (food drive, winter coat drive, school backpack drive, community gardens). Our club values fellowship, lifelong learning and meaningful community impact.

Social media, Programs and Donations to Charities

Support of Flower Show Schools

Consider presenters for membership.

We have garden related programs throughout the year as well as field trips to nurseries and other places of interest. We have a Facebook Page.

Good programming, mentoring of new members by their sponsors

We have limited programs due to age of our members. We donate to local entities such as Troup County Archives and Legacy Museum, the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and fundraising activities that our District (Redbud) conducts. We have 4 categories of membership, Active, Professional, Associate, and Honorary. We currently have 79 Members, 40 Active, 15 Professionals, 19 Associates, and 5 Honorary. We limit Active membership to 40, mainly due to meeting locations. All Active, Professional and Associate members pay dues. All members enter as Active members and serve the club at this status before moving to another level of membership. We maintain 40 active members. We maintain a civic beautification project, the outdoor reading room at the public library.

Our club participates in the community in a number of ways. We currently support the Chastain Horse Park Equine Therapy program by maintaining a portion of their landscaping. We support the Roswell Nursing Home at Christmas with holiday gift bags and blankets. We also have planned Garden Therapy activities with residents of local senior citizen facilities. To support National Gardening Week we individually donated children's gardening books to local preschools and primary schools. For the past two years we have participated in Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery's Holiday Spirit Weekend by decorating a designated mausoleum using only natural materials. We thoroughly enjoy our club's monthly programs, etc., but also recognize and respond to the need to be supportive of our communities.

Special events

We have an annual ice cream social to introduce ourselves to prospective members that has worked well.

Most of our new members are brought in by current members. But we have also picked up members from our website and our participation at community events (Farmer's Market, etc.)

Make it a Club priority. We are going to welcome all new members in the past 12 months at our February meeting (Valentine's) to make them feel more a part of the Club.

community projects, programs, plant sales

Reach out to younger people, including empty nesters. Garden clubs are at risk of becoming moribund without input from new members. A healthy board supports an active club.

We have newly redesigned refreshed website. Instagram will be pulled to website if we can figure that out. Our Facebook page also needs to be redesigned and attach it to website. It is being managed by a member under her own account. Would love GCG help. We've done lots already but now stuck. Looking for new fundraising projects.

Social media

Word of mouth, friends neighbors.

We are having good luck with the "word of mouth advertising". Inviting new and prospective members to our meetings.

Website, library especially during garden weeks, national and Georgia

Advertise monthly club programs in the local news paper and invite all interested to come.

Making potential members aware of the community involvement and support of education

communication with visitors after attending, Facebook, local newspaper

Social Media, Activities with Community, Wearing Logo Tshirts at events, Chamber Activities

Social media, program, projects

We had a float in the Buford Christmas Parade. We started a Facebook page.

newspaper, projects and programs

Word of mouth, social media, projects featured in local newspaper and online, Garden Spot of the Month photo in local newspaper.

Constant recruitment reminders at meetings and in monthly newsletters

We send pictures and articles to our local newspaper, set up a display of club activities and information once a year at the local farmers market, and have a display and brochure about our club at the local library during Garden Week in Georgia.

Ask members to brag, brag, brag about the garden club, what it does and what it means personally.

Have a good membership person who follows up with prospective members after the meeting, with a "thanks for joining us today" email, and invites them to the next meeting. We also advertise our meetings in the two local papers.

Publicity

Encourage members to invite others. YOM and meeting news and articles are placed in local newspaper. Membership brochure at UGA Extension office and Chamber of Commerce.

Invite a friend, promote community involvement, new people coming into the community.

Submit to newspaper articles and pictures of projects, programs, etc. some social media and word of mouth.

Social Media, website

Social Media, word of mouth

Social Media, Newsletters, Newspaper articles

Recognition of activities and meeting date monthly in local newspaper and posting of meeting date on the City of Dunwoody website for upcoming events. Both direct interested parties to visit our website.

Social Media, Newsletters, Lunch & Learn free program for public

General

All known suggestions. National GC, GCG suggestion, and local suggestions.

Our club has been very successful in recruiting younger members and we are close to having a waiting list of friends of newer members wanting to join.

We would love to attract more new and younger members...not really a help but mostly a wish.

Somehow we need to do something to appeal to younger people. People as a whole are not as drawn to service organizations as they have been in the past.

I wish I did. Just ask people

This is a small "older" club that prefers to keep their membership among friends.

As in the past, we are happy to continue in support Flower Show Schools to increase NGC Accredited FS Judges in Georgia.

Our initiatives vary.

We increased from 45 to 50 last year

We currently have limited membership.

We need new, younger members

All of our members know they are welcome to bring guests to meetings. We have a strong social media presence with a website and Facebook page. We have free events throughout the year and a large plant sale each May. We maintain the City Botanical Garden and receive many applications after folks visit the garden. Most importantly we interact with all of our city small businesses and reciprocally support each other.

We all need to make garden club more fun

Follow up with new member requests ASAP.

We should Bring a Friend more often

We need a way on the Georgia Garden Club site to find us. Maybe a lookup based on zip code and radius of miles to list clubs and email to contact for details?